GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes undertaken to increase the capacity of existing telephone exchanges and to provide modern communication facility in Banaskantha region of Gujarat during the last one year;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide said facilities in the region during 2001-02;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of officers found involved in corrupt practices in communications and postal services in the region during the last one year and the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The details of the programmes undertaken to increase the capacity of existing telephone exchanges and to provide modern communication facility in Banaskantha region of Gujarat during the last one year (1999-2000) are as given below:

1. 17574 Lines Equipped Capacity increased.
2. 11787 Direct Exchange Lines provided.
3. 18 Exchanges connected by Optical Fibre Cable.
4. 16 New Exchanges opened.
5. 258 STD/Local Public Call Offices provided.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) Following expansion programmes have been proposed in Banaskantha region during 2001-2002.

1. Net capacity addition =24550 lines
2. Direct Exchange Lines addition =15000 lines
3. From Cellular Mobile =1900 lines.

(d) No officer found involved in corrupt practices in communications and postal services in Banaskantha region of Gujarat during the last one year.